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SIR:

Responsive to the Advisory Action of November 17, 2008, a discussion with Examiner Smith and a facsimile letter received from the Office on December 3, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.